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MINUTES
March 24, 2010

I. Roll Call:

Present: Mark Boger, Richard Brown, Abby Commee-McCourt, Jim Foss, Denise Giles, Jacinda Goodwin, Charles Laverdiere, Jim Morse, Doug Patrick, Shelley Reed, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Paul Vestal and Patrick Walsh

Absent: Cathy McLoy Ashland, Ned Chester, Barry DeLong, Dalene Dutton, Jamie Johnson, Hannah Kiernan, Margaret Longworth, Joan McDonald, Carla Mitchell-Knapp, Dan Nichols, Trish Shorey and Adam Royer

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Elaine Brann

II. Minutes:

The minutes for the February 24, 2010 meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the February 2010 Minutes

Moved: Mark Boger/Shelley Reed 2nd

Action: Approved

III. Chair Report:

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, opened the meeting at 9:08 A.M.

Paul stated that the meeting with the OJJDP went very well and we received a good report.

Paul announced that Tim Piekart, Compliance Monitor, has left and that we are in the process of getting his position filled. Would like to get this position filled before the Compliance Monitor training.

Kathryn stated that Ralph Nichols has been helping out.

Paul discussed out of state travel with the JJAG members and stated that only three people were approved to travel out of state to attend the CJJ Training in Washington, D.C.

Concerns and questions were raised from JJAG members as to the approval process for out of state travel as it pertains to the JJAG. Clarification was discussed regarding who got approval and why.

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Paul also expressed his concerns as to the approval process and stated that he had discussed it briefly with Barry before the meeting. Paul stated that he has set up a meeting with Barry and Denise Lord for tomorrow to get this straightened out.

Barry Stoodley addressed the members regarding out of state travel and explained that it was a big problem for everyone not just the JJAG. Barry also went on to reassure members that out of state travel was very important and gave an example of how he never would have met Dr. Ross Green or Karen Williams if he hadn't traveled out of state.

Paul asked for approval for the Coalition for Juvenile Justice dues in the amount of \$5,000. He stated that the CJJ is important to us and that we have always paid that amount.

Motion: That we pay \$5,000 dues to CJJ.

Moved: Christine Thibeault/Jim Foss 2nd.

Action: Unanimous with 1 abstention

IV. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report:

Kathryn asked Shelley Reed to talk about the Summer Institute.

Shelley gave a description of the Summer Institute and its history. This year the conference will be at the UM Orono campus on July 26, 27 and 28th. Speakers and presenters to be lined up. Registration fee is \$100.00 and forms will be available on line.

Kathryn talked about bringing Karen Williams back again if she can get approval from the OJJDP. The plan would be for Karen to do a presentation a couple of hours at each one of our juvenile facilities. Kathryn discussed the training with Karen and it was decided that if Dr. Ross was available to give his presentation, she would request an additional two full days of training. Kathryn also mentioned that we might be able to do something collectively with the Summer Institute Program through funding from OJJDP.

Motion: To approve \$2,000 to support the effort to bring Karen Williams back.

Moved: Christine Thibeault/Patrick Walsh 2nd.

Action: Unanimous with 1 abstention

Patrick passed around a copy of the slide show presentation from the Adolescent Brain training for the JJAG members to look at.

Paul asked if there were any comments on this training.

Comments about the Adolescent Brain Development training were:

- Presentation was very enjoyable and informative.

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- Would like to present it to college students.
- OSA is interested
- Karen is also a clinician and has her own small practice.
- User friendly, very hopeful.
- Understandable, useable.
- Really important for schools
- Was amazed at the enthusiasm of front line staff.

Kathryn stated that the Request for Proposals is out for a DMC Coordinator position. About 25 people have requested a copy. Portland will be the main focus but Lewiston may also be included as there are great similarities.

Kathryn then discussed the Collaborative Problem Solving proposal by Dr. Ross Greene in the amount of \$135,000. Members were given a copy of the JJAG budget so they could see where the funding would be coming from if approved.

Comments and questions were discussed regarding the RFP. Members asked if the RFP could be worded to include a clear definition of high risk areas, geographic location and different kinds of environments. Kathryn stated that it could.

Motion: To support \$135,00 Collaborative Problem Solving proposal by Dr. Ross Greene

Moved: Jim Morse/Shelley Reed 2nd.

Action: Unanimous with 1 abstention

Kathryn discussed the 2010 budget and explained the color coded funding and talked about the amount available for the upcoming year.

V. JABG Block Grant Report – Barry Stoodley:

Barry handed out the JABG FY 2010 Funding Proposal and gave a brief synopsis of each program and the funding. Barry stated that each one of the programs will be coming to the May JJAG meeting to discuss the work they are doing.

VI. Continuation Funding Discussion – Jacinda Goodwin:

Jacinda stated that she and subgrantee committee members Denise Giles and Joan McDonald were in agreement in support of the continuation of funding for all eligible grants for another year and also in support of sending out an RFP in the fall for the remaining \$91,000.

Motion: To support the Continuation of Funding of Eligible Grants for one more year.

Moved: Shelley Reed/Jim Morse 2nd.

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Action: 8 In favor with 4 abstentions

VII. Committee Reports:

Christine Thibeault – Legislative Committee – Reported on LD 1789 An Act Containing the Recommendations of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission and stated that this bill contained one small piece relating to juvenile justice and how restitution will be collected from juveniles who refuse to pay. The JJAG takes no position on this piece.

Shelley Reed mentioned LD 1658 An Act to Increase Maine’s High School Graduation Rates and stated that she has not seen final language on this bill yet.

Patrick Walsh – Communications – Will be representing the JJAG at the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice Meeting in Washington, D.C. in May. Patrick stated that the Committee will be looking for input from the States on:

- Education and at-risk youth.
- Tribal youth and juvenile justice.
- Juvenile reentry.
- Racial and/or ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice and related systems.

Patrick will be looking for input from the JJAG for this report at the April meeting.

Patrick also passed around a copy of the Vermont Annual Report that he found on the internet so that members could see how Maine’s report looked in comparison to Vermont’s and to give the members some ideas on how we could condense our annual report to save money.

VIII. Work Session:

JJAG members were given an opportunity to look over the Juvenile Justice Needs/Problem Statements and make any changes or suggestions before the work session began.

There were suggestions and changes made and after adjournment, JJAG members had lunch and went into a work session to update and finalize the Three Year Plan. The work group also set a list of priorities which was also required in the Plan.

XIV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

The next meeting will be held at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy on April 28, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

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